

**University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources**  
**Emeritus Retirees**  
**February 22, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOL/COLLEGE*</u></b>	<b><u>RETIRED</u></b>	<b><u>HIRED</u></b>
<i>Faculty meeting “automatic” criteria for emeritus status</i>					
Berger, Deborah Fein	Distinguished Professor	Psychological Sciences	CLAS	1/1/2023	9/1/1988
Berthelot, Anne	Professor	Literature, Cultures and Languages	CLAS	1/1/2023	10/30/1996
Bradford, Michael	Vice Provost	Dramatic Arts	Fine Arts	2/3/2023	8/23/2000
Bubela, Deborah J.	Assistant Professor in Residence	Kinesiology	CAHNR	7/1/22	4/29/2005
Bucklin, Ann C.	Professor	Marine Sciences	CLAS	1/1/2023	4/1/2005
Celestin, Roger	Professor	Literature, Cultures and Languages	CLAS	1/1/2023	9/1/1989
Yalof, David A.	Department Head and Professor	Political Science	CLAS	1/1/2023	8/23/1997
Schurin, Ronald C.	Associate Professor in Residence	Political Science	CLAS	2/1/2023	7/7/1997
<i>Recommendations from the Emeritus Committee</i>					
Gross, David	Lecturer	Mathematics	CLAS	6/1/2022	9/1/1994
Kochenberger, Peter	Associate Clinical Professor	Law	Law	7/1/2022	3/25/2004
Ratcliff, Kathryn	Assistant Professor	Sociology	CLAS	6/1/2019	9/1/1983

\*Key

CAHNR – College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources

CLAS – College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

## **David Gross**

Dr. Gross served as lecturer at UConn from 1995 to 2022, resulting in the longest continuous record of teaching and service in the mathematics department. Dr. Gross taught over 16 different courses, ranging from basic levels such as Math 1010 to advanced courses such as Math 3210 Abstract Linear Algebra. However, it is not only the number of courses he has taught, but his excellence in teaching them. Dr. Sengupta, head of the Math Department, describes him as an “absolutely dedicated teacher” who frequently met with students outside of classes for extended office hours. He also described Dr. Gross as the “most consulted instructor” in the Mathematics department, someone who new faculty and graduate teaching assistants went to for advice on teaching. Dr. Sengupta stated that he himself would go to Dr. Gross for instructional issues and questions more than to any other faculty member. Dr. Gross also served as major adviser to many hundreds of Mathematics majors. In addition, Dr. Gross continually worked to improve his teaching, attending 23 different CETL workshops.

At the department level, for more than 25 years, he led the Mathematics department’s undergraduate program in a range of different capacities. These roles include: Undergraduate Program Coordinator (1994-2010); Associate Department Head for the Undergraduate Program (2010-2015); Director of the Undergraduate Program (2015-2020); Director of Undergraduate Advising (2020-2022); longest serving member of the Undergraduate Program Committee Member (1994-2022). Across these many leadership roles, he was responsible for a large range of activities, including representing the department at external forums.

Beyond his roles at UConn, Dr. Gross has provided extensive service to the state and the profession. He served on the Connecticut Mathematics Advisory Council (CMAC), and a similar body, Mathematics Basic Skills Committee of Connecticut (MBSCC), for over two decades, including as co-chair and as chair of MBSCC. The CMAC is comprised of members from the mathematics departments of all the state public colleges, and serves as the key coordinating body, including comparing curricula and syllabi. He also served for three years on the Math Alignment and Transition Council, working to improve students’ math preparation at entry to state colleges and universities. Across all of these activities, he is providing input in the standards for college-level mathematics education across the state, thus contributing to UConn’s outreach and reputation across Connecticut. At the national level, Dr. Gross has maintained involvement across his career with professional forums. He regularly participated at national mathematics professional meetings, such as the Joint Mathematics Meetings.

## **Peter Kochenburger**

Professor Kochenburger worked at UConn from 2004 through 2022. Professor Kochenburger has engaged in thought-provoking scholarship that has focused on various topics including, but not limited to, insurance regulation, big data, insurance and consumer protection, insurance and gun violence, cyber insurance, and insurance and climate change. His books, book chapters, and journal articles have also explored legal and public policy issues related to international, federal, and state insurance regulation and to insurance implications for autonomous vehicles. Perhaps most impactful is his groundbreaking book on cyber insurance., *The Dematerialized Insurance: Insurance Distance-Selling and Cyber Risks From an International Perspective*. Additionally, Professor Kochenburger has published eight law review articles or book chapters in flagship journals such as the Connecticut Law Review, European Insurance Law Review, and John Marshall Law Review. He maintained a highly active record of presentations in conferences, seminars and symposia and at professional organizations and bar associations in the United States and internationally. He spoke about issues as diverse as artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles, cyber-insurance, compliance, COVID-19 litigation, discrimination, flood risks, gun control, and pet insurance. Thus, Professor Kochenburger has elevated UConn's reputation with his strong and consistent scholarship.

Professor Kochenburger has also engaged in impactful service to the profession and greater community that has been instrumental in promoting the School of Law and UConn as a whole. His professional appointments include the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC); Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Connecticut Insurance Department Advisory Committee on Regulation where he serves as chair of the "Enabling Innovations" subcommittee; and the New York Department of Financial Services Consumer Protection Task Force. He is a frequent speaker and panelist at NAIC meetings, professional organizations including state and national bar associations, actuarial and compliance associations, and academic conferences. Professor Kochenburger is active on committees relevant to the practice of insurance law and often serves as an expert witness for insurance-related litigation and regulation matters, including retentions by the Connecticut State Attorneys' Office and the New York Attorney General's Office.

One of Professor Kochenburger's most impactful roles at UConn has been his contributions to the Insurance Law Center, the only Insurance Law LLM Program in the United States. He served as the Executive Director, and in this role, had extensive influence on the program internally through a number of responsibilities such as managing the comprehensive insurance law curriculum, hiring adjunct faculty, developing and organizing conferences and programs, and creating new courses and initiatives. He also worked to create new programs, courses, and initiatives to increase diversity and enrollment in the Insurance Law Program.

## **Kathryn Ratcliff**

Dr. Ratcliff worked at UConn as an assistant professor from 1983 to 2019. Her case is unique in that she remained at the level of assistant professor, with tenure, at her retirement. Dr. Ratcliff's scholarship has been influential in the area of health. Her earliest work focused on women's health. In more recent years, Dr. Ratcliff has focused her work on the social determinants of health. This work has included a book, *The Social Determinants of Health, Looking Upstream*. This book was praised by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Chair of the World Health Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health (2005-2008). "What we breathe in, eat, and drink; where we work and live; how we travel - each, done badly, can damage health. Kathryn Strother Ratcliff takes us on a wonderfully informative journey to examine the governmental and industrial causes of exposures that determine health." In addition to this book, Dr. Ratcliff has published other books and journal articles. Dr. Ratcliff has also performed strongly as an instructor. Among her mentees are students who have gone to Harvard University (A. Roderiguez), Oxford University, UK (M. Clucas), and most recently our Truman and Marshall scholar, A Chittibabu.

Professor Ratcliff has provided exemplary service to the university (and to the community). She served as the Director of National Scholarships and numerous administrative positions within the Sociology department including Director of Graduate Studies, Director of Undergraduate Studies, and Associate Head, as well as on numerous departmental committees. As one colleague noted: "In the 20 years that I have been in the department, Kay has done more than any other faculty member to keep the department running on a day-to-day basis. She attended all the meetings, knew all the procedures, and remembered all the details that she was responsible for. She had a substantial service load, usually being either the director of undergraduate studies or associate head most years. I had the pleasure of co-teaching the internship program with her, and she tirelessly advocated it for students as a way to gain essential service learning. In fact, one year, she even took a group of students to the Dominican Republic as part of the internship program. As a colleague, she was always congenial, and her door was open for whoever would walk in needing help-whether student or faculty."

Outside of UConn, Dr. Ratcliff has served in multiple roles to the profession and community. For instance, she worked on the board of Eastern Area Health Education Center Inc and served as the organization's President. This group was recognized by the Governor of Connecticut, in March 2018, for the exemplary work they did while she was President of the organization, further evidence of her influence outside of UConn.